



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Naoki IJIMA et al.**

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Examiner: **Todd D. Jacobs**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2008, and having a response due date initially set for December 25, 2008. A Petition for one-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the period for response to end on January 25, 2009 (Sunday). The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.